

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 6, line 5, as follows:

-- The vibration damper 1 comprises a coil spring 9 which is cylindrically wound and comprises several turns 42 of a steel wire of constant diameter. The turns 42 lie at a spacing one next to the other. It can be practical to configure the coil spring 9 to also be conical or to change the thickness of the turns 42 over the length of the coil spring 9. A first end 10 of the coil spring 9 is screwed onto the attachment element 11 made especially of metal, light metal, plastic or another elastomeric material. As shown in FIG. 4, the attachment element 11 functions to fix the vibration damper 1 to the first component 2, namely, the engine housing 6 of the internal combustion engine 5. With the second end 13, the coil spring 9 is connected via an additional attachment element 12 to the second component 3, the handle 7, of the portable handheld work apparatus 4. The attachment elements (11, 12) are provided with respective cylindrical sections (43, 43') for the form-tight connection of the attachment elements (11, 12) to the coil spring 9. The cylindrical sections (43, 43') carry a multiple outer thread (44, 44') onto which are screwed respective portions portions 14 of turns 42 on the ends (10, 13) of the coil spring 9. The attachment elements (11, 12) are held approximately on the longitudinal center axis 15 of the coil spring 9 axially at a spacing 16 to each other. --